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INTELLIGENCE PRINCIPLES AND METHODS

THE RESEARCH PROJECT

I. OBJECTIVES:

1. To gain experience in intelligence production by applying the principles of research methodology to a specific problem.

2. To acquire familiarity with the reference materials available to the intelligence officer in CIA.

3. To afford practice in presenting the results of a research effort in oral and written form.

II. STAFF ADVISERS:

1. A member of the staff will be assigned to each of you for personal counsel and assistance. Conference periods are provided in the schedule, but feel free to seek his advice at other times as well.

2. The librarians will help you in obtaining reference materials. They can get books on loan from the Library of Congress, but this service takes several days and the books are subject to early recall.

III. INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:

1. Selection of Subject:

Select a subject of current significance in the field of strategic intelligence. It may pertain to a development or deal with a problem of a geographic, sociological, political, economic, scientific/technical, or armed forces nature, but it must have distinct implications for U. S. security interests. It may either be restricted to a single country or be common to an area or group of countries, for example:

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"The Mau Mau in Kenya"; "Christian Democratic Parties of Western Europe"; "Soviet Polar Research"; "China's Industrial Potential"; "Soviet Submarines"; "French Colonial Policy"; "Communism in the Middle East."

2. Exploitation of Sources:

It is not expected that your research effort in this limited time should be definitive or exhaustive. For most subjects the Library in Alcott Hall has the basic reference materials or the librarians can obtain them. You are, however, encouraged to go to the Main Library in M Building and use its facilities. Both classified and unclassified materials may be used, but you should not take custody of TOP SECRET documents. If it is necessary for you to use them, consult your staff adviser as to ways and means.

3. Maintenance of a Working File:

A card file of bibliographical references, abstracts, or citations should be kept during the progress of research.

4. Preparation of an Annotated Bibliography:

An annotated or critical bibliography shall be compiled and submitted to your staff adviser on the day before you give the oral presentation. The bibliography should be selective rather than comprehensive. A suggested format is attached to these instructions.

5. Critical Review of a Chief Source:

Select one of chief reference books or long articles you used in your study as the subject of a short critical review (1200 - 1500 words). This review should not be merely a condensation or outline by chapters. Appraise its contribution in the light of your own research on the subject. What is the author's competence in the field? How well documented are his observations? How valid do you think his conclusions

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are? Submit the review to your adviser at the same time you submit the annotated bibliography. These are the only written requirements of the research project.

6. Oral Presentation:

The results of your research will be presented to fellow-students and staff in a 20 minute briefing, followed by 5 minutes of questions from your audience. You should prepare and use graphic aids as appropriate. The attached rating scale will serve as a guide for organization and emphasis.

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